

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a danger to our democracy and shows the threats which media consolidation pose to our lives.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get unbalanced political agendas dominating airwaves. At minimum, Sinclair should broadcast an equally anti-Bush or pro-Kerry program.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.